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REBELS  
IN  
NEWGATE.

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An ACCOUNT of their daily BEHAVIOUR, from their Commitment to their Goal-Delivery,

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Taken from a DIARY, kept by a Gentleman in the same PRISON.

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IS generally expected that Zealots of every Party, who differ from others in Point of Religion, should be the strictest in their Morals, and very devout in their Way, for the Credit of their Cause; especially if their Zeal rise to such a Height, as to make them expose themselves to be Confessors, or Martyrs, for their Opinion. How well the Persons, we here treat of, observed this Rule, will appear by what follows.

The following Diary of their Behaviour was taken by an honest Gentleman, who had the Opportunity, as well as Curiosity, to observe them. It were to be wish'd, that the like Care had been taken to inspect the Conduct of the rest of the Tribe in the other Prisons, where, according to the general Observation of all who saw them, their Demeanour was much the same.

It appeared by their Behaviour, as soon as brought to *Newgate*, that they were fit for *Bedlam*, as the Lord *Derwentwater* told one of His Majesty's Officers at *Barnet*, tho' his Lordship might justly have added, that they were fitter for *Bridewell*. To prove this, we need only quote a Writer of their own Stamp, the Author of *The History of the Press-Yard*, who, tho' he has strain'd his Wits to make some of them pass for Heroes, and others of 'em for Saints, yet owns, p. 84. " That while  
 " they flatter'd themselves with Hopes of  
 " Life, which they were made to believe  
 " were the necessary Consequences of a Sur-  
 " render at Discretion ; they did, without  
 " any Retrospect to the Crimes they were  
 " committed for, live in so profuse a manner  
 " and fared so Voluptuously, thro' the Means of  
 " daily Visitants, and Helps from Abroad,  
 " that Money circulated very plentifully ; and  
 " while it was difficult to change a Guinea  
 " almost at any House in the Street, nothing  
 " was more easy than to have Silver for  
 " Gold to any Quantity, and Gold for Silver  
 " in the Prison ; those of the Fair Sex, from  
 " Persons of the first Rank to Tradesmens  
 " Wives and Daughters, making a Sacrifice  
 " of their Husbands and Parents Rings, and  
 " other precious Moveables, for the Use of  
 " those Prisoners ; so that, 'till the Trial of  
 " the condemn'd Lords was over, and that  
 " the Earl of *Derwentwater* and Viscount *Ken-  
 " muir* were Beheaded, there was scarce any  
 " thing to be seen among them, but flaunting  
 " Apparel, Venison-Pasties, Hams, Chickens,  
 " and other costly Meats, with plenty of  
 " Wine.

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This was so far from the Behaviour of Men, that pretended to suffer for Principles of Conscience, that it look'd more like the Practice of the barbarous *Americans*, who, being made Prisoners of War, pamper themselves with the greatest Dainties, that they may become a better Feast for the *Cannibals* who eat them.

Another Instance of the Madness and Insolence of those Wretches, is, what the same Author gives of young *Bottair*, p. 71. where, after having represented him as a Beauty and Hero, he tells the following Story of him, " That when the Clerk of the Prison, who  
" was desirous to ease him as soon as he  
" cou'd, cut the Cords with which he was  
" pinion'd, when brought to *Newgate*, he  
" spoke thus: By my Saul, Man, you shou'd  
" not have done that, but have kept the Cord  
" whole, that I might either have been hang'd  
" with it, or have it to show, if I escape the  
" Gallows; how I have been led like a Dog  
" in a String for twice Two Miles together?  
" But since it is done, there is no Remedy;  
" and my next Care is to know what Prisons  
" my Followers are confin'd in, which I must  
" desire you to make enquiry about, since  
" they are brought so many Miles from home,  
" out of observance to my Orders, and I  
" hold my self oblig'd to see they do not  
" want.

The Author pretends to have been *Bottair's* Chamber-Fellow, and therefore to write what he does from his own Knowledge. By this we may see how little *Bottair* deserv'd the Clemency he met with, and how groundless the Complaints of the Faction are, that the Prisoners were us'd with Severity. Our



Our Author indeed says, *p.* 78. that many of 'em paid for the Liberties allow'd them, and particularly that Mr. *Forster* and Mr. *Anderton* paid 5 *l.* a Week each, for their Lodging and Diet at the Governor's House ; and that tho' the rest of the Chiefs, as Colonel *Oxborough*, Brigadier *Mackintosh*, the two *Talbots*, *Shaftoes*, *Wogan*, Captain *Menzies*, and others, were clapt up into Places of less Accommodation, yet they advanc'd more Money for 'em than wou'd almost have paid the Rent of the best House in *St. James's Square*, or *Piccadilly*, for several Years. The Author of the Diary says, Mr. *Forster* paid Sixty Guineas for Lodging in the Governor's House. Mr. *Anderton* Twenty Five for keeping off his Irons. Mr. *Widdrington*, Mr. *Ratcliff*, and others, Twenty Guineas a-piece at their first coming in, for the like Favour ; and every one that wou'd not be turn'd to the Common Side, Ten Guineas each, besides Two Guineas, One Guinea, and Ten Shillings *per Man* for every Week's Lodging, tho' in some Rooms Ten Men lay in Four Beds ; so that 'twas computed, that in Three or Four Months Time, Three or Four Thousand Pounds were paid on this Account, besides valuable Presents given in private, and among others, a Stone Horse.

The Author of the Diary observes also, that the Rebels Friends were very generous to the Turnkeys.

The Prisoners being thus fed with Money, and hopes of Life, 'tis the less to be wonder'd at, that they had no Sense of their Crimes, especially since their Friends ply'd them so hard with Wine and luxurious Diet, that the  
 Author

Author of the Diary says, they had every Day, at first, variety of the choicest Eatables in the proper Seasons, and that too as early as the greatest and nicest Ladies, so that 40 s. for a Dish of Pease and Beans was nothing in their Pockets, and a Dish of Fish of 30 s. with the best *French* Wine, and every thing in Proportion, was an ordinary Regale. Being thus pamper'd, like high fed Horses, we are not to wonder that they neigh'd after their Female Visitors, who were very numerous, and liberal enough of their Favours. 'Tis not to be suppos'd, that a Champion so noted for the Cause as Captain *Silk*, was neglected; for he had his full Share of those Treats, which soon made his Cloaths too little for his Corpse, tho' now that he has lost his Company, he is reduc'd to his ordinary Size.

Their pamper'd General and his Adherents standing in need of Diversion to create an Appetite, they by chance pitched upon the noble Game of Shuttlecock, at which the valiant *Forster* beat every one who engag'd him; so that he triumph'd with his Feathers in the Prison, tho' he cou'd not do it in the Field.

Their Gaiety however began to abate, after the Execution of the two Lords, and that they themselves received Orders to prepare for Trial; then their *Jacobite* Courage did quickly appear in its proper Colours; they knew that, in such Circumstances, one pair of Heels was worth two pair of Hands; so that having as little Stomach to die for the Cause, as they had to fight for it, they began very seriously to contrive an Escape.

Thus



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Thus, on the 14th of *March*, 1716, some of 'em attempted to get out of the *Press-yard*, by breaking through a part of the Wall, from which they were to be let down by a Rope, instead of being tuck'd up by one at *Tyburn*; but their Design was discover'd, which not only prevented their dearly beloved Practice of running away, but occasion'd some of 'em to be put in Irons, to the Rust of which they added by their Tears, and the Water that came from the Knees of their Breeches.

*March 23.* All, or most of the Prisoners, were released from their Fetters. Whether they paid for this Favour is not material; but it was a sufficient Proof of the Lenity of the Government; for had this Favour been forbid by those in Power, the Keepers durst not have presum'd to grant it; and every one knows, that the Prisoners taken at the Duke of *Monmouth's* and the Earl of *Argyle's* Insurrections, instead of being us'd with such Mildness, were treated with the utmost Barbarity. This Night Mr. *Kennedy*, one of the Scotch Rebels, dy'd.

*March 29.* Mr. *Buckley*, Under-Secretary, came late to examine some of the Prisoners; and Mr. *Doyley*, one of the Number, dy'd.

*March 30.* General *Forster*, Brigadier *Mackintosh*, and Others, had Notice to prepare for their Trials, which put the General in as great a Fright as the Approach of the King's Troops did at *Preston*.

*April 7.* Bills of High-Treason were found, by the Grand Jury, against Mr. *Forster*, Mr. *William Mackintosh*, Mr. *William Shafto*, Mr. *Robert Talbot*, Mr. *Henry Oxborough*, Mr. *Charles Wogan*, Mr. *Nicholas Wogan*, Mr. *John Hall*,  
Mr.



Mr. *Richard Gascoigne*, Mr. *Alexander Menzies*, 1716.  
 Mr. *James Menzies*, and Mr. *John Robertson*.  
 This made the Rebels believe that they shou'd  
 go to *Tyburn* by Wholesale.

*April 10.* Mr. *Forster* abus'd the Liberty  
 which was allow'd him by Governor *Pitt*, and  
 made his Escape as follows : His Servant had  
 taken an Impression in Clay of the Key of  
 Mr. *Pitt's* outer Door, and got one made ac-  
 cordingly. While *Forster* and *Anderton* were  
 drinking *French Wine* with Mr. *Pitt*, *Forster*  
 sent his Man for a Bottle of his own Wine  
 to make up the Treat, and on Pretence of  
 going to the Vault, he went out of the Room.  
 The Fellow, according to Order, had lock'd  
 up Mr. *Pitt's* Black in the Cellar, as he went  
 down with him to bring up the Bottle, and  
 then stay'd at Mr. *Pitt's* outer Door, 'till Mr.  
*Forster* came, and both went out together,  
 having lock'd the Door on the Outside, and  
 left the false Key in the Lock, to prevent  
 their being suddenly pursued : They got to  
*Pritlewell* in *Kent* next Morning by Four a  
 Clock, with two more Horsemen, that were  
 ready to attend them ; and having a Vessel  
 provided at *Leigh*, went over to *France*. By  
 this it appears, that Mr. *Forster* was much  
 better skill'd in contriving an Escape, than  
 leading an Army ; which shews the Weakness  
 of the Pretender, and his Council, who put  
 so great a Trust in the Hands of a Person  
 who was altogether so unfit for it, and never  
 made any other Campaign, but to hunt a Fox,  
 and drink down his Companions.

*Forster's* Escape put the Government upon  
 farther Precautions, so that a Lieutenant, with  
 30 of the Foot Guards, was order'd to do

1716. constant Duty at *Newgate*; and Mr. Pitt was committed to Custody, and try'd for High-Treason, but afterwards acquitted. In the mean Time, the Care of the Prisoners was entrusted to Mr. Rouse the Chief Turnkey.

April 14. More Bills of High-Treason were found by the Grand Jury, against *Richard Butler*, Mr. *Francis Anderton*, (commonly call'd *Sir Francis*) *Lauchlin Mackintosh*, two more of that Name, *John Mackintosh*, *John Blair*, and *John Talbot*.

April 22. Several of the Prisoners were order'd to be put in Irons, to prevent their Escape.

April 26. Bills were found against Others, and Mr. *Anderton*, the two *Wogans*, Mr. *Talbot*, Mr. *Butler*, the Laird of *Mackintosh*, Mr. *John Mackintosh* and Mr. *Hall*, were brought to the Bar, and pleaded not Guilty.

April 28. Indictments were brought against Mr. *Charles Radcliffe*, Brother to the Earl of *Derwentwater*, the Lord *Widdrington's* two Brothers, Mr. *Errington*, and 15 Others.

April 30. Some of the chief Prisoners offer'd Bribes to the Guard to let them Escape, but in vain.

We may readily conceive, that when the Trials came on so fast, the Prisoners abated much of their former Jollity; but we have no Account of any Addition which the Apprehensions of Punishment made to their Piety. The Faction took Care to keep up their false Courage with Wine, lest Coolness of Thought might have induc'd them to merit their Lives by a Discovery.

May 4. The Lord *Nairn's* Son, Mr. *Basil Hamilton*, and Mr. *Howard* were brought to  
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*Newgate* from the *Tower*, as were Ten more 1716.  
 Rebels from the *Fleet*. This brought more  
 Visitants to *Newgate*, where neither Wine,  
 Money, nor the best Advice, their Friends  
 without Doors could give, was wanting: Bri-  
 gadier *Mackintosh*, *Charles Wogan*, Sir *Alexander*  
*Delmeby's* Son *William*, and his Cousin *Alex-*  
*ander*, together with *Robert Hephburn*, *John Tas-*  
*ker*, and *James Talbot* took their Opportunity  
 to escape as follows: The Brigadier having  
 found Means to get off his Irons, about Ele-  
 ven at Night, came down with them in his  
 Hand under his Gown, and placing himself  
 close by the Door of the Goal, when it  
 was open'd to a Servant, who knock'd at it,  
 he rushed out, and knock'd down the Turnkey,  
 by which he himself, and Fourteen more, got  
 out. The Brigadier, and the rest abovemention'd,  
 ran clear off; but Six of the Others  
 were speedily retaken in the Street, and Mr.  
*Talbot* was some Days after taken at the  
 House of a Relation in *Windmill-Street*, where  
 he was discover'd by the heedless prating of  
 a Servant Maid.

These numerous Escapes occasion'd the Ma-  
 gistrates of the City to look better after their  
 Prison of *Newgate*; and Sir *Charles Peers* being  
 then Lord Mayor, appointed one of his Of-  
 ficers, viz. Mr. *Carleton Smith*, and with him  
 Mr. *Russel*, to take Care of the Rebels in the  
*Press-yard*; and they perform'd their Trust so  
 well, by examining all the Visitors, debar-  
 ring Entrance to all Riding-Hoods, Cloaks,  
 and Arms, and by sitting up all Night in the  
 Prison, each in his Turn, that not one Man  
 escap'd from thence during their Time.



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May 7. *Charles and Per. Widdrington, Charles Ratcliffe, John Thornton, Thomas Errington, Phil. Hodgson* (Unkle by Marriage to the Lord *Widdrington*) *Donald Robertson, James and Edward Swinburn*, (Brothers to *Sir William of Capeaton*) *William, Duncan and Angus Mackintosh, Robert Shaw, James Macquean and Alexander Macruder*, pleaded Not Guilty.

May 9. Captain *James Talbot* above-mentioned, was brought back to *Newgate*; and Colonel *Oxborough* received Sentence of Death. The Prisoners were very disorderly and mutinous, but soon appeas'd by the Care of their new Keepers.

May 10. The Keepers had Notice, by one of his Majesty's Messengers, that there was a Design to convey large Iron Crows to the Rebels, by which they might break open the Goal, and escape. Mr. *Shafto's Man*, one of the Rebels, dy'd.

May 11. The Officer then upon Duty went in, contrary to Custom, with his Sword to see the Prisoners, continu'd with 'em for some Hours; and whether heated with Wine, or otherwise, beat one of the Turnkeys as he brought in a Rebel from Trial; upon Complaint of which, the Captain was put under Arrest for some Days, and another Officer was plac'd in his stead, who prevented the Drunkenness, and other Irregularities of the Soldiers, which might have given the Prisoners an Opportunity to escape. This Day Mr. *Alexander Menzies* was try'd and condemn'd; but Mr. *Robertson's* Trial was put off, because his Name was wrong spelt.

May 12. Mr. *Murray* and Captain *Halsted*, who were confin'd to the Keeper's House on suspi-

suspicion of High-Treason, had the Liberty allowed them of a free Intercourse with the Rebels till 11 at Night. Let the World judge if this was Severity.

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May 13. Being Sunday, the Ordinary came to perform his Duty to the Rebels according to Custom, but they insolently rejected him. One of the Prisoners falling into a Fit at 3 a Clock in the Morning, it occasioned a great Disturbance, and one of the Centinels fir'd his Piece to give notice to the rest, upon Suspicion that the Prisoners were attempting to break out.

May 14. An Officer of the Guards, and two others, conversed with the Rebels all Day; and being humourfom and abusive to the new Keepers, because they were so careful in looking after their Prisoners, they complain'd to the Lord-Mayor, who thereupon order'd that no Officer should afterwards be permitted to visit the Prisoners, without Leave from a Secretary of State. The same Day Colonel *Oxborough* was excuted, and his Head brought back to *Newgate*, in order to be fixed on *Temple-Bar*.

May 15. Mr. *Taylor*, commonly called the *Bridewell* Attorney, being chiefly employ'd by the Rebels, came to pay them a Visit, left his Sword, worth 5 *l.* with a Centry, and at his Return, found it exchanged for a Mourning Iron-hilted Sword, worth about 18 *d.* which most People thought suited his Character better. The Officer, who was guilty of so much ill Conduct Yesterday, was this Day submissive and sorry for his Offence.

May 16. Justice *Hall*, and Mr. *Robert Talbot*, received Sentence. This Day Colonel *Oxborough's* Head was set on *Temple-Bar*; which is



1716. a Circumstance we chose to mention, that the Rebels may put it among their other Saints-Days.

May 17. Mr. *Richard Gascoigne* was try'd and condemn'd, and Mr. *Alexander Menzies* reprieved.

May 18. Mr. *Nicholas Wogan*, *Launcelot Mackintosh*, and Mr. *Ratcliffe* were likewise tried and condemned; Mr. *John Blair* pleaded guilty; and Mr. *Robert Talbot* reprieved.

May 19. At Three in the Morning the Guard at *Newgate* was insulted by a drunken Tory Constable; but all Mischief was prevented by the Care of one of the new Keepers, whose turn it was to sit up that Night.

May 21. The Prisoners crowded about the Doors, as they were opened, in hopes of making their Escape; but finding themselves disappointed, they swore and curs'd heartily, like true *Jacobite* Confessors, that had it not been for the Lord-Mayor's Officer and his Assistant, abovementioned, whom they called *his Dogs*, and damned 'em, half of them had got away before that Time.

May 22 and 23. There was great Joy among the Prisoners for the Reprieve of Mr. *Hall*, *Nicholas Wogan*, Mr. *Robert Talbot*, Mr. *Ratcliffe*, *Launcelot Mackintosh*, and Mr. *Blair*. Upon this Occasion some of 'em were so grateful as to drink King *George's* Health, which none of 'em had done before; nor did it now proceed from a real Conversion, but from Hopes that the whole Gang should escape without any farther Punishment. At the same Time, Copies of Indictments were delivered to *Francis Anderton*, *John Nairn*, Esq; Son to the Lord *Nairn*, *Basil Hamilton*, Esq; *Archibald Bottair*,



*Bottair, Patrick Blair, William Paul, John Steuart, William Grierson, John Carnegy, James Robertson, and George Seaton of Barnes,* made Earl of *Dumfermlin* by the Pretender; which soon put a Stop, among the Prisoners, to the feign'd Healths they drank to King GEORGE, and made them melancholy to think what they and their Friends were like to suffer for their counterfeit Runaway *James*.

May 24. One of the King's Messengers came to inspect the Goal, and to give some necessary Directions for the Security of the Prisoners.

May 25. *Sunderland*, the Coffee Hero in *Warwick-Lane*, came and wept bitterly with *Gascoigne*, as he was going to Execution. The latter endeavoured to shew contempt of Death, and is represented as a mighty Hero, and a Saint, by the Author of *The History of the Press-Yard*; but his last Speech, compared with what he said at his Trial, proves he was neither.

May 26. Capt. *Halsted*, and Mr. *Murray*, Brother to the Lord *James Murray*, who were committed on Suspicion, discharged.

May 28. Mr. *Kellet*, Sir *Francis Anderton's* Man, dy'd of a Spotted Fever; but Mr. *Thornton* was recover'd by the Care of Dr. *Mead*, Dr. *Ayres*, and Dr. *Strother*. *Isaac Dalton*, imprison'd for a Libel, was detected by Mr. *Carleton Smith*, in his Endeavours to corrupt the Centinels, by giving them Money to drink the Pretender's Health, by the Name of King *James*, after he came out from visiting the Rebels; but miss'd his Aim, and they heartily drank King GEORGE's Health in Wine, given them by the said Mr. *Smith*, and de-

1716. declared they would oppose the Pretender to the last Drop of their Blood ; yet other Soldiers, who were on the Guard at *Newgate*, had the Impudence to sing Captain *Silk*'s dearly beloved Tune, *The King shall enjoy his own again*, for which their Officer, Captain *Reeve*, a very Loyal Gentleman, threaten'd 'em with Imprisonment.

May 29. The Guard was reinforced on suspicion that the Mob, who assembled on this Day in great Numbers with Oaken Boughs, on Pretence of commemorating the Restoration, ~~would~~ have attempted to break open the Goal ; in Confidence of which, some of the Rebels were very noisy, and insulted their Keepers ; but were soon put out of a Capacity of doing much harm, for they were all locked up before Ten a Clock, by way of Precaution.

May 30. Colonel *Butler* was admitted to Bail.

May 31. Mr. *Russel*, one of the new Keepers, was very much abused and threatened by Captain *Silk*, and some of the Rebels, who surrounded him while he was in, with some of his Friends, to see the Rebels, but he made his Retreat without any harm. Bills of High-Treason were found by the Grand Jury against *John Shafto*, *Edward Howard*, Brother to the Duke of *Norfolk*, *James Dalzel*, Uncle to the Earl of *Carnwarth* ; *James Menzies*, and *George Gibson* of *Stonecroft*. *Charles* and *Per. Widdrington*, *Thomas Errington*, *Philip Hodgson*, *Donald Robertson*, and *Alexander Macruder*, withdrew their former Pleas, and pleaded guilty. *John Nairn*, *William Grierson*, *George Seaton*, *John Carnegie*, *John Steuart*, and  
Dr:



Dr. *Patrick Blair*, pleaded guilty ; but *Francis* 1716.  
*Anderton*, *Basil Hamilton* of *Baldoon*, *William*  
*Shafte*, *Arch. Bottair*, *Parson Paul*, and *James*  
*Robertson*, pleaded not guilty. Mr. *Hornby*,  
 who was committed on suspicion of High-  
 Treason, discharg'd.

June 3. General *Mackintosh's* Brother en-  
 deavoured to make his escape in a *Nithsdale*,  
 or *Ridinghood*; from the Master's Side, but  
 was detected by the Turnkey, and put in I-  
 rons ; yet another *Mackintosh*, and one *Mac-*  
*quean*, escaped on the Master's Side from the  
 Turnkeys *Rouse* and *Mills* ; and it was ob-  
 serv'd, that none of the other Prisoners were  
 ever put in Irons, except when they went to  
 their Trials, which was a Liberty allowed  
 them contrary to Order, and no doubt some  
 Body was well paid for it.

June 4. A Woman who came to *Mackin-*  
*toth* with a Design, as 'tis supposed, to farther  
 his Escape, was detected, and several Suits of  
 Headcloths found about her, with Letters for  
 him ; upon which she was committed to the  
 Custody of a Messenger. Mr. *John Shafte*,  
 Mr. *Basil Hamilton*, *James Robertson*, and *Cha.*  
*Swinburn* withdrew their former Pleas, and  
 pleaded Guilty ; and Mr. *Richard Butler*, Mr.  
*Edward* and Mr. *James Swinburn* were try'd  
 and condemn'd.

June 6. The Prisoners made a great Di-  
 sturbance at the Sound of a Bell, which was  
 order'd to be set up by the Lord Mayor, to  
 ring them to their Apartments after Ten at  
 Night. They demanded the Order to be read,  
 which accordingly was done, but nothing at  
 all to their Satisfaction ; for it took Notice of  
 the several Prisoners who had escaped out of

1716. *Newgate*, through the unaccountable Liberty and Indulgence that had been allow'd them, and therefore ordered, that upon ringing this Bell, the Prisoners should retire to their Apartments by Ten a Clock at Night, at farthest, on pain of being deprived of the Liberty allow'd them, and being put in double Irons. They all acquiesc'd in the Order, except Captain *Silk*, who bully'd the Keepers for some Time with his usual Impudence, and made many unbecoming Reflections on the Lord Mayor and Sheriffs. That same Day *Isaac Dalton*, Printer of that seditious Libel called the *Last Shift*, sent a Letter to *Newgate* by one *Anne Leonard*, a Parish-Pensioner in *Ratcliff Highway*, wherein he desired the Gentlemen in Prison to stand by him, and subscribe, or else he must drop his Paper for want of Money to carry it on. The Letter was intercepted by Mr. *Carleton Smith*, and directed to one *Brown*, Servant to Captain *Booth*, who was committed on suspicion of High-Treason, and had frequent Intercourse with the Rebels. By this we may see how, and by what Party, our traiterous and seditious Papers have been and are still upheld, as well as for what End they are carry'd on.

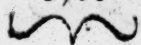
June 7. Being the Thanksgiving-Day for the Victory over the Rebels, several Visitors came to see them with Rue and Time in their Hats and Bosoms, in contempt of the Day; but the new Keepers, Mr. *Smith* and *Russel*, made bold to strip them of those Badges of Rebellion, and strew the Floors with 'em, as more worthy to be trod under Feet, than to be worn by way of Insult on that glorious Day. About Midnight, Brickbats were thrown  
from



from the neighbouring Houses upon the Soldiers who kept Guard ; upon which, the Soldiers fir'd at the Houses from whence they came. Mr. *Carleton Smith*, whose Turn it was then to sit up, fearing an Attempt was making to break the Goal, and leaping out to know the Occasion of firing, search'd several of the neighbouring Houses ; in doing which, he had like to have been shot by a Ball that came in to the Room where he was. A Man was found in a Chamber by himself in the Dark, whom Mr. *Smith* confined all Night, and carry'd next Day before the Lord Mayor ; but tho' there was so much Reason to suspect the Man, yet nothing being fully proved, he was discharged.

June 9. The Lord Mayor's Order, above-mentioned, being posted up in the *Press-Yard*, was torn down by some of the Rebels, in Contempt of Authority.

June 10. Being the Anniversary of the Pretender's supposed Birth, Captain *Booth*, whose Window look'd into *Phoenix-Court*, was so insolent as to put out a great Bunch of white Roses at his Window, and several Visitors of both Sexes came with such Roses in their Hats and Bosoms ; but the new Keepers pull'd 'em out, and strew'd the Floors with 'em, as they did with the Rue and Time on the 7th. Captain *Silk* made a great Noise and Disturbance, and vow'd Revenge on the Keeper, for not permitting Supper to be carry'd into him and his Comroques after Ten at Night. The same Day Notice was given to the Keepers, that several of the neighbouring *Jacks* design'd to bring in Women's Apparel, that some of the Prisoners might escape in Disguise. At

1716.  Night one *Jacob Forden*, a Popish Journeyman Printer in *Bloomsbury*, was shot dead by *Newgate* for insulting the Patrol, and calling the Soldiers then upon Guard, King *GEORGE'S* Bull Dogs. The Faction cry'd him up for an eminent Martyr, and a High-Church Jury brought it in wilful Murder; though the Fellow was such a profligate Wretch, that his Wife wou'd not come near him, nor his other Friends be at the Expence of burying him, so that the Charge fell on the Parish. We may expect that Cardinal *Gualtieri*, the Protector of the *English* Jacobites, will Canonize him by the Name of *St. Jacob* in the Popish Calendar, and that when our High-Church has Money and Power enough, they will build another *St. Sepulchres* over his Grave, in regard to the Day and Cause for which he dy'd, and when their Hand is in, they may erect him an Image, and pray to it as their proper Patron.

June 11. Captain *Silk*, with his famous Second, *George*, the High-Church *Highgate* Cocker, who was some time before translated to *Newgate* for going beyond his Last, in reflecting saucily upon the Government, and made a great Noise and Disturbance, beat one of the Servants belonging to the Prison, and made the Goal so uneasy, that it groan'd for being deliver'd of him at *Tyburn*. Young Mr. *Shafto*, Mr. *Dalzel*, and Dr. *Pitcairn* pleaded Guilty; but Mr. *Howard*, Mr. *Standish*, Mr. *Menzies* of *Kildare*, Mr. *Grierson*, and Mr. *Lyon* pleaded not Guilty. One of the *Mackintosh's* was carry'd to his Trial, but 'twas put off on the mistake of a Name in the Pannel. The Prisoners for the most part very drunk and rude, so that it was with great Difficulty that they were



were got to their Rooms by One a Cock in the Morning. 1716.

June 12. Mr. *Barlow* of *Barlow-Hall*, brought in for High-Treason by one of the King's Messengers: 'Tis suppos'd he made his Escape out of *Preston*, when the rest surrender'd.

June 13. Captain *Silk* continu'd his abusive Insolence, threaten'd Mr. *Smith*, one of the new Keepers, because he would not allow Visits to be made to a Person of his Rank and Honour, after the Hour limited by the Lord Mayor. At the same Time the Rebel-Prisoners were as drunk and insolent, as if *Silk* had been at the Head of their Musters, and playing the Jacobite Tune, *The King shall enjoy his own again*, as he did at the Head of the City Train'd-Bands in the last Reign; so that the Prisoners were with Difficulty got to their Rooms by One a-Clock.

June 14. The Captain renew'd his blustering Noise and Abuse to the Keepers; so that the Prisoners could not be lock'd till Twelve a-Clock. *Duncan Mackintosh*, Brother to the Brigadier, try'd and found Guilty. *Alexander Cassel* and *Thomas Riddle*, Son to Mr. *Riddle* of *Swinburn-Castle*, were arraign'd, and the two latter pleaded Guilty. *James Cornwall* was also arraign'd.

June 14. Parson *Paul* withdrew his former Plea, pleaded Guilty, and was condemn'd, together with Mr. *Gibson*, and Mr. *Menzies* of *Kildare*; Mr. *Basil Hamilton* and Mr. *Butler* were reprieved, and *Menzies* of *Kildare* being recommended by the Jury to the Court for Mercy, before passing of Sentence, did afterwards obtain Pardon, in Regard of his Youth, and that it appear'd he was forc'd into the Rebellion.

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*June 16.* The Rebel-Prisoners were very rude and insolent, crowded about the Doors whenever they were open'd, and curs'd and assaulted the Person who rang the Bell, to give them Notice that 'twas Time to retire to their Lodgings, insomuch that they could not be got to their Rooms till One a-Clock: They were encourag'd to this by Capt. *Silk*, who, to provoke them farther, when they retired upon Ringing of the Bell, would commonly say to them, *Get up ye Slaves, go.* This Day *Ralph Standish* of *Standish* was try'd and condemn'd.

*June 17.* Tho' 'twas *Sunday*, they were so disorder'd by their Debauches with their Visitors, that they could not be got to their Rooms before Midnight.

*June 19.* Capt. *Silk* was again very rude, and threaten'd Death to one of the Keepers, for refusing Admittance to his Friends after the Time appointed.

*June 20.* He and his impudent Agent, *George the Cocker*, continu'd their outrageous behaviour. Mr. *Harvey* of *Combe* bail'd.

*June 21.* *Eliz. Powel*, a poor crazy Woman in *Westminster-Market*, came to Mr. *Barlow* with Women's Apparel to make his Escape in; but he fearing it might be a Trick, or that he should fail in the Attempt, thought fit to discover her.

*June 22.* Mr. *William Mackintosh* was try'd and acquitted, and Mr. *Pitcairn* condemn'd.

*June 23.* Mr. *David Drummond*, one of the Rebel-Prisoners, dy'd; Mr. *Ratcliff* was indispos'd, and Capt. *Booth* discharg'd. About this Time Mr. *Ratcliff* and the 2 *Widdringtons*, Mr. *Murray* and Mr. *Seaton* petition'd the Prince and



and Council for being transferred into more commodious Prisons, on pretence of infectious Distempers in *Newgate*; but upon the Enquiry of Physicians, and their Reports there was no such Disease there, the Petition was rejected.

June 25. Mr. *Pitcairn*, tho' under Sentence of Death, was very drunk and rude, which hinder'd the Prisoners from being lock'd up till Midnight.

June 26. *George Budding*, Servant to an Upholsterer at *Fleet-Ditch*, made his Escape thus, according to the Author of the *History of the Press-yard*, ' This Man knowing his Case to  
' be desperate; but being sure of Money and  
' Friends to carry him off, could he get out  
' of *Newgate*, he did it by the following Stratagem: He drank liberally with Mr. R....  
' the Head Turnkey; after which, he not only  
' affronted but struck him, which he knew  
' would make him be carry'd to the Lodge, in  
' order to be put in Irons, by which Means  
' he hop'd to get off either at going or  
' coming back: Being accordingly carry'd  
' to the Lodge, he express'd much Submission to Mr. R. who being mellowed than  
' ordinary, forgave him; and as he was carrying him back to the *Press-yard* without  
' Irons, *Budden* struck up R's Heels under the  
' Gate, run from thence into *Newgate-Market*, and at last made his Escape into  
' France.

June 28. The Dutchess of *Hamilton*, Captain *Hamilton* and others came to dine with Mr. *Basil Hamilton* her Nephew, Mr. *Standish* and Mr. *Wogan*. The Rebels threaten'd, whenever they got their Liberty, to be reveng'd on one

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of the Keepers, for not complying with their unlawful Demands.

*June 29.* Mr. *Thornton* pleaded Guilty, and Mr. *Cornwal* was try'd and convicted. *James Menzies* pardon'd. Upon a Report that the Lord Mayor was coming to inspect the Goal, the Prisoners made hast to get on their Irons.

*July 2.* The Prisoners throng'd about the Doors in order to make their Escape; and to promote the Design, the High-Church Cobler fought with one of the Servants, which occasioned a great Disturbance and Confusion, but at length it was quell'd.

*July 3.* The Rebel Prisoners were very Drunk and Refractory; Mr. *Grant*, committed on Suspicion of High Treason, deliver'd into the Hands of a Messenger.

*July 4.* Mr. *Barlow* of *Barlow-Hall*, having Women's Apparel conveyed to him, was close shav'd and neatly dressed in order to make his Escape; but the Turnkey suspecting him as he came out at his Door, with a Croud of Ladies that came to visit their Friends, catch'd hold of him, turned him about, and in the struggle threw him down, upon which the Women cry'd out with a lamentable Tone, *Don't abuse the Lady, she's with Child*; and some of them cry'd, *Oh! my dear Mother!* upon which the Turnkey quitted him as a supposed Lady. He acted the Part of a Woman to the Life, had Pads to keep up his Breasts, and his Face was painted Red and White; and he had certainly escap'd, had not Mr. *Carleton Smith* strictly examin'd and discover'd him. He thereupon offer'd the said *Smith* 10 Guineas to let him escape, but instead of taking it, he carry'd him in his Female Disguise before the



the Court, then sitting at the *Old Baily*, where <sup>1718.</sup> Mr. *Barlow* said, *The Cloaths were brought him by his Wife.* The Court was very well pleas'd to see him thus metamorphos'd, but order'd him to be put in heavy Irons, and the Cloaths to be kept as a Testimony against him.

July 5. The Prisoners were very angry with the Keeper for detecting *Barlow*, and not allowing their Suppers to be brought to them after the limited Time.

July 6. The Prisoners were very Drunk and Disorderly, so that the Keepers could not lock up 'till One a Clock.

July 7. *Francis Anderton* try'd, and found guilty; *Charles Widdrington*, *Thomas Errington*, *Philip Hodgson*, *Alexander Macruder*, *Donald Robertson*, *John Nairn*, Son to Lord *Nairn*, *John Steuart*, Dr. *Patrick Blair*, *William Grierson*, *John Carnegy*, *George Seaton*, *John Thornton*, and *James Cornwall* were carry'd up to receive Sentence.

July 8, and 9. Upon the coming down of a Rule of Court, for executing 24 of the condemn'd Rebels on the 13th, there was an universal Sorrow in the Goal. Parson *Paul*, one of the Number, was so dejected, that he cou'd not eat; most of the other Prisoners retir'd to their Apartments to vent their Grief; and a vast Number of their Friends came to condole them with Tears.

July 10. The Prisoners and their Friends were busy in drawing up, and sending Petitions to Court; being such cowardly Confessors for the Cause which they pretended to be engag'd in by Conscience, that they wou'd willingly have renounc'd, and barter'd it for

1716. a Pardon. The same Day, *Edward Howard*, Esq; was try'd and acquitted.

July 11. *Arch. Bottair*, the young *Highlander*, was discharg'd, at which the *Lady Faulconbridge*, his suppos'd Benefactrix, went out with a smiling Countenance.

July 12. *Isaac Dalton*, convicted of bribing the Guard to drink the *Pretender's* Health, was fin'd in 50 Marks, sentenc'd to Imprisonment for 1 Year, and to find Security for 3. That Night *Bottair* came in his *Highland* Dress to see his Friends, but was deny'd Entrance. At Midnight there was a great Shout in the Prison, for Joy that a Reprieve was come down for all those condemn'd, but *Parson Paul* and *Justice Hall*.

July 13. They went from *Newgate* to be executed at *Tyburn*, at which there were many weeping Eyes among the *Jacobites*. The Parson was in new Canonical Robes, which he chose to wear on Purpose, that the Mob might be possess'd with a Notion that the Church was in Danger. They behav'd themselves rudely to the Ordinary at the Place of Execution, where they were attended by Priests of their own Stamp in a Lay Habit. They were harden'd to the highest Degree, gave their Treason free Vent in their seditious Speeches, and dy'd in a Rage, denying every Thing which they had own'd in their Petitions. The same Day *Bottair* came again to see the Prisoners with his Sword on, and had laid aside his *Highland* Dress, but was deny'd Admittance.

July 14. *Mr. Pitt* was try'd for *Forster's* Escape and acquitted; upon which the Lord Mayor and Sheriffs recall'd *Smith* and *Russel* from



from their Trust, which they deliver'd up to Mr. Pitt, after having perform'd it so well, that not one Prisoner under their Care escap'd ; and it must not be omitted to the Praise of his Lordship's trusty Officer Mr. Smith, that tho' he was upon Mr. Pitt's Restoration discharg'd from looking after the Rebels in *Newgate*, he was still as Vigilant in detecting those without ; for this was the Man, who discover'd and apprehended *Bean*, (Servant to *Carnegy*, one of the condemn'd Scots Rebels) who was executed in *Fleetstreet*, with four others for that villainous Riot on the 26th of *July*, upon the *Mug-House* in *Salisbury-Court* ; and upon News that the Faction intended a tumultuous Procession with white Favours, Gloves and Sarcenets, in Honour of *Bean's* Memory, on the *Sunday* after his Funeral, Mr. Smith did also not a little contribute to the preventing the said Procession, by seizing Six of 'em, who were afterward try'd and fin'd for a riotous and unlawful Assembly. About this Time Mr. *Ogilvie*, and Mr. *Dunlope*, Two of the Scots Rebels, were pardon'd, and Mr. *Grant*, an ancient sickly Gentleman, with Twelve of the Rebels Servants, was discharg'd. Mr. *Robertson* attempted to escape in a Clergyman's Habit, but was discover'd and stop'd, after he had pass'd one of the Doors ; so that this Canonical Disguise stood him in as little stead as his counterfeit Zeal for the Church.

In *August*, Mr. *Pitcairn* was ill of a spotted Fever, and the Laird of *Mackintosh*, the Chief of his Clan was discharg'd, upon the Intercession of his Lady, and other of his Friends, who made it plain that he was trapann'd in-

1716. to the Rebellion by the Craft of the Brigadier.

*August 21.* Mr. *Bruce* escap'd out of the Master's Side.

*Sept. 16.* Being *Sunday*, Mr. *Ramsay* escap'd with the Crowd, that came to hear the condemn'd Sermon, being willing to save the Ordinary any further Trouble upon his Account.

*Sept. 26.* Mr. *James Swinburn*, one of the Rebels, was remov'd to Mr. *Norris's* in *Hatton-Garden*, where he was cur'd of a Lunacy. It had been happy for his Brethren, as well as for the Nation, if they had all been Patients to that Doctor, before they were so mad as to engage in the Rebellion. Soon after, Mr. *James Steuart* was remov'd into the Custody of a Messenger.

*October 13.* Mr. *Basil Hamilton* was pardon'd by the Intercession of his great Relations, and in Consideration of his Youth; Mr. *James Swinburn*, and *John Drummond* had the like Favour.

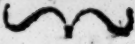
*Nov. 7.* Mr. *Cassie* and *Pitcairn* were remov'd from the Press-yard to the Master's Side, and Mr. *Hepburn* to the Custody of a Messenger.

*Nov. 29.* Mr. *Cotton, Jun.* was examin'd by the Lord Townshend.

*Nov. 31.* *George Seaton, Charles and Edmond Maxwell, William Dalnaboy, Alexander Forster, Alexander Milner, Francis and Alexander Congleton, Thomas Anderson, David Hall, George Skinner, William Dundas of Airth, a Merchant of the same Name, Mr. Lyon, Gabriel Robert-son of Guy, and Mr. Steuart,* were discharg'd.

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Dec. 6. Mr. Richard Butler dy'd of a Spotted Fever, and was bury'd on the 8th at St. Giles's in the Fields, near Oxborough, Gascoign and Hall; his Friends being willing they shou'd lie together, tho' they did not hang so. Mr. Per. Widdrington recover'd of that Distemper, but Mr. Swinburn, Brother to the Lunatick, dy'd of it on the 7th. 1716. 

Dec. 11. Charles Ratcliff, Brother to the Earl of Derwentwater, being allow'd to make a Visit to Capt. Dalzel, and other Rebels on the Master's Side, made his Escape by Means of an old convicted Criminal, who coming thither under Pretence of selling Canes, and pretended to bargain with Mr. Ratcliff for one, the Prisoner had thereby an Opportunity to pass under the Chain at the Gate; and upon the Cane Jobber's saying that he was only a Visitor, he was suffer'd to pass by the Turnkey and the Guard, to whom, says the Author of *The History of the Press-Yard*, he gave some Money, which must be own'd the readiest Way to turn both Lock and Key.

Dec. 20. Francis Anderton, and the Two Talbots, were remov'd from the Press-Yard to the Master's Side.

Dec. 27. Mr. Gibson, who dy'd of a Spotted Fever, was interr'd among his Brethren in St. Giles's Church-Yard, tho' he did not go quite to Tyburn with 'em; Mr. Robertson of Bluffeti, and Mr. Lancelot Makintosh, were remov'd from the Master's Side to the Press-Yard, where 'tis to be suppos'd they kept the best Christmas.

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**J**AN. 16. *Peregrine Widdrington, Francis Anderton, Mr. Standish of Standish, Philip Hodgson, James Talbot, and Mr. Errington*, were remov'd into the Hands of a Messenger; which, no doubt, pleas'd them better than to be put into the Hands of 'Squire Ketch.

Jan. 19. Mr. *Cassee* and *Pitcairn* were removed from the Master-side to the Commons-side, and in a Day or two remov'd back again; so that they could certainly tell on which Side was the best Commons and Company.

Feb. 2. Mr. *Thornton* being indispos'd, was remov'd into the Custody of a Messenger.

In March, Mr. *Seaton of Barnes* was also removed into the Custody of a Messenger; Mr. *James Steuart* dy'd in Custody; and Mr. *Talbot*, who had lately the Favour of being removed to a Messenger's House, was remanded to *Newgate*, for reflecting on the Government.

March 29. *George Flint*, Author of the Treasonable Libel, call'd the *Shift Shifted*, which he continued to write while in Prison, went out in the Habit of a Footman, and run as fast as the best of that Denomination, 'till he got over to *France*, and so escaped the Gallows. The Press-Yard Historian says, the Escape was not discovered 'till two or three Days after, his Wife pretending all the while that he was very sick, and kept his Bed.

April 5. The Lord-Mayor having called a Court of Aldermen on the 2d, who examined Mr. *Pitt* upon the Escape of *Flint*, took a Resolution, for the further Security of the Prisoners, to reinstate Mr. *Smith* and *Russel* in the



the same Charge of looking after the Rebels <sup>1717.</sup> in the *Press-Yard*, which they had perform'd so well before ; and this Day they enter'd again upon their Trust. The Prisoners were very Refractory, and some of 'em refus'd to be lock'd up in due Time, particularly old *Shafto*, and *Charles Widdrington*. Others of 'em argu'd, that they were only to be lock'd up in the Stair-Cases, which being contrary to the Keeper's Orders, they did not grant it.

*April 8.* Three Officers of the Guards, who wou'd not tell their Names ( 'tis a question whether they have good ones ) paid a Visit to the Rebel Prisoners, as did also *Francia*, the plotting High-Church Jew.

*April 9.* The Rebel Prisoners made bitter Reflections upon the Commendation given in that Whiggish Paper the *Flying-Post*, of this Day, to the Officers appointed to take Care of them by the Lord-Mayor : We may guess at the Reason, by the Character which their *Jacobite* Comrade, the *Press-Yard* Historian gives of 'em, p. 133. where he says, upon Mr. Pitt's being restor'd to his Charge, that those Prisoners did not at all regret the Absence of Mr. *Carleton Smith*, and his *Coadjutor Cerberus* (whom the Poets feign'd to be a three-headed Dog, that was Turnkey to Hell ; ) and in the same Place he boasts, that himself and his Fellow-Prisoners enjoy'd more Liberty and Humanity upon Mr. Pitt's Restoration, than was shew'd them by those Keepers ; the Effect of which Indulgence was the Escape of Mr. *Ramsay*, *Ratcliff* and *Flint* ; but their new Keepers were, as we have already heard, so Inhuman, that they wou'd let none of the  
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Rebels make their Escape, either in the Habit of Women, Footmen or Parsons.

*April 10.* *Nicholas Wogan*, after being remov'd to the Custody of a Messenger, found a Way to come without him to visit his Brother Rebels in *Newgate*; *Charles Widdrington* was remov'd into the Custody of a Messenger, and *Mr. Shafto* prov'd much more troublesome in *Newgate*, than he did at *Preston*.

*April 12.* *Mr. Wogan* made another Visit without his Messenger. To Day, the Prisoners chang'd their Diversion of Shuttlecock into Skittles in the *Press-Yard*; but old *Shafto* was so stubborn and sullen, that he wou'd neither Sing nor Play.

*April 13.* The Prisoners were so much soften'd by the News, that an Act of Indemnity was intended, that they offer'd their Keeper a Bottle of Wine to drink King *GEORGE's* Health, their Consciences being large enough to swallow a Bumper, as they pretended, for a King *de Facto*, but to intend the Health for their Bastard *de Jure*.

*April 14.* Great Numbers of Visitors came to pay their Respects to Captain *Silk*, who now was almost perswaded to believe, that the Rebels were beat at *Dunblain* and *Preston*, tho' at first he call'd the *Flying-Past* the greatest Lyar under Heaven for asserting it. *Mr. Blackburn*, who has been imprison'd for the Assassination Plot, ever since King *William's* Time, had a share of those Visits, as well as the rest of the Rebels.

*April 15.* Abundance of Visitors came to congratulate the Rebels, on the Prospect of an Act of Indemnity; and among others, a Member of Parliament, who, to be sure, wou'd



wou'd have heartily voted for it, without Limitations. Some of the Prisoners angry that their new Keepers wou'd not sit down and drink with 'em, as the old ones us'd to do.

*April 17.* Mr. *Freeman*, committed for firing a Pistol in the Play-House, when the Prince was there, is almost continually Drunk, very Mischievous, and keeps a Candle burning by him most part of the Night, to the great Danger of the Goal, and especially, when in his mad Freaks. He is a lusty, strong, rawbon'd Man, has a stern dogged Look, is of an obstinate Temper when vex'd, but fawning and treacherous when pleas'd, so that his Character is perfectly well suited to his Party.

*April 19.* Being *Good-Friday*, Captain *Silk* curs'd and swore prodigiously, because the Doors being shut during Divine Service, his roaring Companions cou'd not have Access to drink with him.

*April 22.* Abundance of Visitors, some of whom blush'd to see the Keepers, who knew them, came to see the Captain, and his Confessor Parson *Howel*; and wou'd not separate 'till after the other Prisoners were lock'd up, thinking it great Pity to spoil good Company.

*April 23.* Captain *Silk* took a Hair of the same Dog that bit him yesterday; and one of his Companions was so Drunk, that it occasion'd a Delay in locking up the Prisoners. Mr. *Dalzel*, and Mr. *Carnegy*, were remov'd to the Custody of Messengers.

*April 24.* The Rebel Prisoners insulted the Keepers, and demanded the Reason why they carry'd Arms? Of which they cou'd not endure the Sight, since the Battle at *Preston*.

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1717. They concluded the Night with a Bowl of Punch, which pleas'd 'em better than the Contents of a Mortar. The Keepers were privately inform'd that the Rebels design'd to do 'em a Mischief, but this did not deter 'em from doing their Duty.

*April 25.* Freeman made a new Disturbance in his Room, where he beat one of the Servants of the Prison, shut the Door against the Keepers, after he had wounded one of 'em with a Fork, which he held in one Hand, and a Knife and Pistol in the other. He likewise wounded a Soldier, but the Door was at last forc'd open, and Freeman over-power'd, after he had thrown down one or two of the first that enter'd. He was carry'd to the condemn'd Hold, and put in Irons. His villainous Design appear'd by setting his Handkerchief on fire, and putting it in his Hat near the Bed. This gave Ground to think, that he design'd to set the Goal on Fire, that the Prisoners might thereby have an Opportunity to escape, which was the more probable, because they insisted frequently on having the Stair-Cases only lock'd up.

*April 27.* Mr. Murray, Brother to Lord James, who had been Prisoner here the Year before, and old Mr. Tunstal, that had been Prisoner in the *Marshalsea*, came a visiting, as did Mr. Talbot, Mr. Wogan, and Mr. Thornton, who, tho' all in the Hands of Messengers, yet were allow'd to visit their Fellow-Rebels without any Keeper, and appear'd very Gay and Joyful. And here let it be observ'd once for all, that those who were deliver'd out of *Newgate*, into the Hands of Messengers, were daily permitted to come hither, and make their Visits



Visits without the least Guard to look after them. 1717.

*April 28.* *George*, the High-Church Cobler, came to visit. *Mr. Freeman* express'd his Sorrow, that he had not murder'd the Keeper in the last Scuffle. A Gentleman came in a great Hurry to desire Captain *Silk's* Interest with his Friends in the Common-Council, for a certain Person to be Town-Clerk of *London*, in the Room of *Mr. Gibson*, deceas'd; it being natural to suppose, that *Birds* which are in Cages, have a Kindness for those of the same Feather, that are at Liberty.

*April 30.* *Francia* the Jew came to visit the Rebels, and was confounded when the Keeper knew him.

*May 1.* *Mr. Hornby*, the High-Church Libeller, came to visit his Brethren; and *Parson Patten* came to speak with *Mr. Shafto*, and to advise him to something, that might have been for his own Good; but *Shafto* receiv'd him with such vile Language, that *Mr. Patten* withdrew, and promis'd to give an Account of his Surliness to the Secretary of State, who design'd otherwise to have shew'd him Favour, and speedily to have set him at Liberty. This is the true Temper of the obstinate *Jacks*, who are never to be cur'd, but by Hemp or Steel.

*May 2.* *Francia* the Jew came again sily to Visit, as did several Nonjurant Parsons, among whom was *Gandy* the Jacobite Conventicler in *Scroop's-Court*, over against the Synagogue of that flaming bright Ornament of the Church *Dr. S.* which stands on the High Road from *Newgate* to *Tyburn*. His particular Errand, it seems, was to visit his Brother

1717. *Howel.* That same Day, Mr. *Menzies*, and Mr. *Nairn*, did honestly warn the Keepers, that many of the Rebel Prisoners did only wait a fit Opportunity to do them a Mischief; that the last Disturbance rais'd by *Freeman*, was chiefly for that End; and that the Female Servant he pretended to Assault, so as to make her cry out Murder, was not hurt in the least.

May 3. *Dalton* was brought back as Drunk as a Beast from the *Old-Baily*, where he had been convicted of the Misdemeanour formerly mention'd. Parson *Howel* went Sick to Bed, upon News that he was to be whipp'd; his Backside, it seems, being much more tender than his Conscience.

May 4. *Dalton* was brought back from receiving Sentence at the *Old-Baily*, and was brim-full of Joy and Laughter; but it seems his Feet and Legs were not of so good Metal as his Head; for he was again so Drunk, that he was not able to stand by the Cause. Some of the Prisoners desir'd the Liberty of taking the Air in the Fields, which was granted them by the old Keepers, but 'twas now refus'd 'em, to prevent those Escapes, which were the Effect of so much Indulgence.

May 5. One of the Men, and Three of the kind Females, that wore White Favours for *Bean*, *Carnegy's* Servant, that was hang'd for the Riot in *Salisbury-Court*, came and stay'd most part of the Day with the Rebels, and it is not improbable that they wou'd have honour'd 'em with their Company all Night, had the Keepers thought fit to allow it. But they were oblig'd to turn out, and left 'em as Drunk as *David's* Sow.

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May 6. Most of the Prisoners were very Joyful on the News, that the King had been at the House, and signify'd his Orders for an Act of Grace, but old *Shafto* was very surly and graceless; the Prisoners, when lock'd up, were as Drunk as yesterday. 1717.

May 7. Several of the Rebels got a poor Fidler into the Yard, and made him play Tunes that were adapted to their Treasonable Ballads, a very proper Way of testifying their Gratitude to the King, who was then about granting 'em their Lives and Liberties, which they had so justly forfeited: But this was so shocking to the Keepers, that they turn'd the Fidler out, and made him play another Tune without Doors. At Night, when the Keepers went to Lock up, some of the Prisoners were so Refractory upon the false Assurance of a Pardon, that they said they wou'd not be lock'd up for any Lord-Mayor's Orders whatsoever; but the Keepers putting those Orders in Execution, soon convinc'd 'em, that tho' they had rebell'd against the King in the Field, they shou'd obey the Lord-Mayor in the Prison; upon which, others seeing the Resoluteness of the Keepers, retir'd forthwith to their Apartments.

May 8. The Locking up was delay'd by the Obstinacy of some of the Prisoners, and particularly of Mr. *Cassils*, one of the Assassins; who was pleas'd to say, *We have a Lord-Mayor, who is wiser than the King*; because of the strict Orders his Lordship had given, for the Security of the Prisoners, 'till His Majesty's Act of Grace took Place.

May 9. The Prisoners had a Badger brought into the *Press-Yard*, and baited by Dogs, which made

1757. made him stink as much as they themselves did, when baited at *Preston*. The same Day, *Gun-Jones* came to see the Rebels, and look'd very surly at the Keeper, when he perceiv'd that he knew him. Query, whether he came to consult how many *Salvo's* he shou'd give 'em with his Pop-Guns at their Goal Delivery?

May 10. *Townley* of *Townley* paid them a Visit with great Pomp and Splendor, after his Discharge from the *Marshalsea*; but he cou'd not well expect that all of 'em shou'd have the like good Fortune from the like Causes, because he knew they had not so much Money. The same Day, *Thomas Barlow* of *Barlow-Hall*, who formerly attempted to escape in Women's Apparel, was remov'd into the Custody of a Messenger, where, if he pleas'd, he might wear Petticoats, without having a Hand put under his Hoops, to try whether he was *Male* or *Female*.

May 11. The Rebel Prisoners were mightily cast down at a Paragraph in their Friend *Appleby's Journal*, which afterwards prov'd not to be true, that *Dalzel* was taken up with Treasonable Papers; that their other Brethren in the Custody of Messengers were closely confin'd; and that the Act of Grace wou'd not be so Extensive, as was at first intended, because the Rebels and their Faction were so Stubborn.

May 16. Several of the Keeper's Neighbours came to visit the Rebels, and drank a hearty Glass with them. There's no Reason to doubt, but that they parted good Friends. The Prisoners were backward in retiring to their Rooms.

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May 17. Abundance of more Visitors made their Appearance, among whom were several Clergymen, who were very sweet upon Parson Howel, because they lik'd the Case of his Schism, tho' they pity'd his own Case. 1717.

May 18. Several Visitors stay'd drinking with the Rebels 'till late at Night, when the Keepers had much ado to part them.

May 21. Several Clergymen came this Day, who, 'tis suppos'd, administer'd the *Jacobite* Sacrament of Confirmation to their *Votaries*; for some of the Prisoners did at this Time declare, that if the King did not give them their Estates, as well as their Lives and Liberties, they shou'd not be very well pleas'd; for Beg they cou'd not, and Starve they wou'd not. What need they Starve, when they had such large Contributions, and were so well treated by their pious Brethren and Sisters? Or if that shou'd fail, they might go serve the Pope and the Turk, which is just the same thing with serving the Pretender.

May 22. The Prisoners very Noisy and Clamorous, 'till the Keepers came to Lock 'em up, when they retir'd to their Rooms much disgusted.

May 23. Mr. Townley came again to visit in great Pomp, and Mr. Robert Talbot was remov'd into the Custody of a Messenger.

May 24. A noted Common-Council Man paid a Visit to the Rebel Prisoners, whose Friends treated 'em at Night with a Bowl of Punch in Captain Silk's Room. We may easily guess at the Subject of the Common Councils, held so frequently in Silk's Chamber, and how much they tended to the Interest of the City and Government.

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May 25. Gun-Jones made the Rebels a Visit, and stay'd 'till the time of Locking them up. One, suspected to be a *Popish Priest*, and another Gentleman came with Substantance-Money to those, imprison'd for the Design to Assassinate King *William*: Such of them as are *Papists*, viz. *Cassils*, *Blackburn*, and *Bernardi*, live well; but such of 'em as call themselves *Protestants*, are so pinch'd, that their Daughters come every Day to the Turnkey, for a Share of the Brown-Bread allow'd to poor Prisoners. If there be such a Difference made now betwixt Popish and Protestant *Jacobites*, the latter must be infatuated; not to see how much worse they must be treated, shou'd ever the *Pretender* be enthron'd. One wou'd think, that those Mens Suffering for the Common Cause, shou'd have entitl'd all of 'em to the like Commons; but the *Papists* don't love *Mungrels*, they are for a thorow Conversion. This lets us into the Reason, why so many of the High-Church Party are for Posting to *Rome*.

May 26. Being Sunday, several Nonjurant Clergymen came to see their Brother *Howel*; and abundance of notorious *Jacks* pay'd the like Respect to *Silk*, who, if he have his Merit, ought certainly to make his *Exit* in *Hemp*.

May 27. *George*, the Cobler, came to see the Rebels, but they had no Shoes for him to Mend; and being ask'd, *If he liv'd as well now when at Liberty, as he did when confin'd to Newgate?* He reply'd, with horrid Oaths, *No, nor never shou'd*; which pleas'd the Fraternity so well, that they sent him home Drunk. A certain *Jacobite* Apothecary, who drank  
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the *Pretender's* Health on his Knees, at the Feast of the *Jacobite* Cockneys or Coxcombs, and a cutting Blade, both of *Shadwell*, and several other *Jacks*, honour'd the Prisoners this Day with a Visit.

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May 28. *Gun-Jones* came again to Visit; and this being the Anniversary of King *George's* Nativity, none of the Prisoners but *Goddard Wood* shew'd any Marks of Respect to it. They were very much sour'd at the delay of the Act of Grace, which *Kit Smith*, one of the Number, ascrib'd to a *German* Countess, belch'd out Volleys of Curses against her, and gave her all the Names which are to be found in the *Billingsgate-Dictionary*.

May 29. Being the Anniversary of *K. Charles II's* Restoration, *Jacobite* Visitors came in Shoals, and ply'd the Bottle and Glas with so much Zeal, as if they had been celebrating the Festival of *Bacchus*. *Mr. Shafto*, *Grierfon* and *Dalton* in particular, desired to be drunk now, tho' they did not last Night; so that they and their Friends could not be parted, till the latter could scarce find the way Home, without the Help of a Watchman and Lanthorn.

May 30. Some of the Prisoners threaten'd to be even with their Keepers for parting them from their Bottle and their Friends so soon last Night, and retir'd to their Rooms this Night full of Indignation.

May 31. The cutting Blade of *Shadwell*, and several of the *Jacobite* Stamp, came again to visit the Rebels, to whom they were introduced with great Joy by *Capt. Silk*, who was Master of the Ceremonies, and could dance as well as sing to the Tune of *The King shall enjoy his own again*.

1717. *June 1.* Gun-Jones, with a Common-Council-Man, and others of the *Jacobite* Stamp, came to visit.

*June 2.* Several Non-jurant Parsons, with many others of the High-Church Stamp, came to visit *Silk*, &c. Two Members of Parliament came to Mr. *Grierfon*.

*June 3.* Several Clergymen came to visit, and confirm the Pretender's Disciples in their Faith. The same Day the cutting Blade, and other *Jacks*, continu'd drinking with them till the Time of locking up.

*June 4.* Several Clergymen and Gun-Jones came to pay their usual Respects.

*June 5.* He came again this Day with the cutting Blade, and others of the same Stamp. Capt. *W----* of the 3d Regiment of Guards, then on Duty, did also visit the Prisoners, and staid with them some Time. Qu. Whether this was an Article of his Commission? Mr. *Steuart* and Mr. *Grierfon* were so troublesome this Night, that they wou'd not go to their Rooms without being forc'd.

*June 6.* A drunken Clergyman booted and spurr'd, Cap. *Silk*, Mr. *Dalton* from the *Marshalsea*, and others, drank with their Friends till the Time of locking up; and most of the Rebels were drunk, (as well became the Confessors for Popery and Tyranny) so that they were with difficulty got to their Rooms.

*June 7.* *Shafto* said, *That the Spoke of a Wheel never went down but it came up again; so that the Staff might be in their Hands one Day, as it was now in the Hands of others.* In hopes of this, the Rebels drank so heartily, that most of 'em were as fudled as Apes.

*June 8.* A reputed *Irish* Priest made the Rebels a Visit.

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June 10. Being the suppos'd Anniversary of <sup>1717.</sup> the Popish Impostor's Birth, several notorious *Jacks*, with 2 *Romish* Priests, one in a Lay, and the other in a Canonical Habit, came and staid till the Time of locking up, and drank plentifully to the Health of the Person who was born on that Day; but Mr. *Menzies* and Mr. *Nairn* express'd their Abhorrence of those Practices, and of the Rebellion, and would not drink one drop of strong Liquor.

June 11. A Popish Priest, in Lay-Habit, a Non-juring Priest, with several other Clergymen, a Common Councilman (one of the famous Evidences against the Bishop of *Bangor*) came a visiting. Colonel *Steuart*, a stubborn obstinate drunken *Jacobite Highlander*, was removed to the Custody of a Messenger.

June 12. A Popish Priest in Lay-Habit, with several other Clergymen, came a visiting, so that they had both Popish and High-Church Confirmation.

June 13. The Popish Priest in Lay-Habit, and several other Clergymen came again. Capt. *Silk* had also abundance of Visitors, his Room being the common Rendezvous of the most notorious Rebels; so that he still acted the Part of Muster-Master, and no doubt is as well paid for it as formerly. He kept Mr. *Grierson* and Mr. *Shafto* from going to their Rooms in due Time, when call'd for by the Keepers; Mr. *Cassels* was his Second in encouraging those Rebels, and reflected on the Government for delaying the Act of Indemnity, which we may very well see how ill they deserv'd.

June 14. Mr. *Grierson* wou'd not be lock'd up in his Chamber at the Time appointed,

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June 15. *Christopher Smith*, a profligate Wretch, who lay under Sentence for dispersing seditious Pamphlets, dy'd, as he liv'd, Cursing and Swearing, tho' he was a Non-juror. *Mary Flint* was remov'd from the *Press-yard* to the Common Side, for endeavouring to make him a Papist in his last Minutes; and *Dalton* and his Sister boast of their Merit in having prevented it, tho' indeed it was needless, his Practice having shew'd him to be *High-Church enough*. Several Clergymen, and a Popish Priest in Lay-Habit, came to visit the Rebels.

June 16. Capt. *Silk* wou'd fain have perswaded the Keeper, but in vain, to turn Mr. *Menzies* over to the Common Side, because that Gentleman wou'd not concur with him in his brutish and rebellious Behaviour. A Popish Priest, in a very fine Lay-Habit, paid a Visit to the rebellious Brotherhood, and great numbers of Visitors came to Capt. *Silk*.

June 17. The Popish Priest renew'd his Visit in a Lay-Habit.

June 18. The Popish Priest came again in a Lay-Disguise; and the Non-juring Parson in *Scroops-Court*, came in for his share of the Work. *Kit Smith* was bury'd this Day at the Charge of his Party; his Relations, some of whom were very Rich, refusing to contribute to the Charge, saying, *That as he liv'd a Rebel, he should be bury'd like one.*

June 19. A Popish Priest in Lay-Habit, and another in a Canonical Dress, came to perform their Parts as usual; and Capt. *Silk* had the Satisfaction to be visited by his old hempen Companions.

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*June 20.* A Non-juring Priest, and many of the old Stamp, came again to visit ; but their Mirth was like to have been spoil'd by a Quarrel berwixt *Silk* and *Grierfon* about their Pedigrees and noble Atchievements.

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*June 21.* The Popish Priest in Lay Habit, came again to see his Comrogues.

*June 22.* A Popish Priest in Lay Habit, and several other Clergymen, came to pay their Visits according to Custom. Mr. B---'s Son in *Newgate-Market* paid *Dorothy Langham's* Fine for publishing the *Shift-Shifted*, as he did likewise her Fees. Captain *Silk* abus'd Mr. *Menzies*, and falsly alledg'd, that a notorious Whore, who came frequently to *Grierfon*, came to see him. Mr. *Menzies* denying it, Bully *Silk* struck him in the Face, which Mr. *Menzies* would have resented, but was hinder'd by the rest of the Prisoners; upon this the Capt. discharged a Volley of *Billingsgate* Oaths upon them all, and threatned R. the Turnkey, that it should be the worse for him if he did not turn *Menzies* over to the Common Side. Then he broke into another Room, where *Menzies* was retired with some Friends, who throwing a Candlestick at *Silk*, upon his offering to strike at him, cut him on his Calve's Head: Upon this the Keepers confin'd them both to their Rooms, which made *Silk* roar, curse, and swear Revenge both upon Mr. *Menzies* and the Turnkey, because he wou'd not turn Mr. *Menzies* over to the the Common Side

*June 23.* Being Sunday, *Silk* the High Church Saint, had a great many Visitors, whom he entertained with Oaths and Curses against Mr. *Menzies*.

*June 24.* The Popish Priest in Lay-Habit, and others of the old Stamp, came to make their customary Visits.

*June 25.* The Priest in Lay-Habit and several other Clergymen, came as usual.

*June 26.* The same Priest repeated his Visit, as others did, in particular to Capt. *Silk* and Parson *Howel*, who were both in a surly Mood.

*June 27.* The Popish Priest in Lay-Habit, with other Clergymen, and many of the High-Church Crew, paid their ordinary Visits.

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1717. *June 28.* *Mary Flint's* Fine was adjusted, and her Fees paid out of the Popish Fund, for Sufferers: Which is a fresh Proof how Libels against the Government are carried on. The Popish Priest in Lay-Habit, and his Brethren of the Clergy and Laity, performed as usual.

*June 29.* Several People of better Fashion than Principles and Sense, Benefactors to the Assassins, *Blackburn* and *Bernardi*, came to see them. *Mr. William Douglas*, a Rebel Prisoner in the *Marshalsea*, came in great Splendor attended by the Master Keeper, to see his Brethren in *Newgate*; as did also several Clergyman.

*June 30.* The Popish Priest in Lay Habit, came with abundance of the Jacobite Fraternity, to visit the Rebels, who drank Wine till they spew'd again.

*July 1.* There was great Joy among the Rebels upon the Earl of *Oxford's* being discharged; but not quite so much, as when the foolish, knavish, and villainous Peace with *France* was concluded.

*July 3.* The Priest in Lay Habit, with another in a Canonical Dress, and several other Clergymen, with many of the Lay Brotherhood, came to pay their usual Compliments.

*July 4.* A Member of Parliament came to assure *Mr. Grierson*, that the Act of Indemnity would certainly pass in a few Days. This occasioned great Joy to the confined Rebels; and nine Jacks came all at once, besides Straglers, to see *Bully Silk*.

*July 5.* The High Church Cocker gave his Friends the Honour of a Visit, and regal'd them with impudent Reflections upon the Government. Some of the Rebels much concerned at the strenuous Proceedings of the Commons against the Earl of *Oxford*.

*July 6.* *Mr. Shafto* put into the Hands of a Messenger.

*July 7.* *Bully Silk* and *Howel* had abundance of Visitors.

*July 8.* The Popish Priest in Lay Habit, and several other Clergymen, comforted the Prisoners with a View of their sweet Phizzes.

*July 9.* Young *Shafto* and *Thomas Riddle* were removed into the Custody of a Messenger.

July



July 10. The Popish Priest in Lay Habit came to see his Friends. Several of the Crape Gown with George the High Church Cobler, came also to attend their Levee. And Orthodox George mock'd at his former punishment of whipping, boasted what he would do again for the Cause, when opportunity served; and among other impudent Expressions, he utter'd the following Doggrel to the Tune of Sir Hugh's Bones, and inscrib'd to St. Crispin.

*My Hide it has been better Tann'd,  
Than any Cobler's in the Land,  
Yet I can stand the other Brush still Boys.*

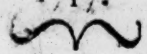
July 12. The Prisoners were very much down in the Mouth, being afraid they should have no Pardon at all, since it was delay'd so long beyond their Expectations, but not their Merit.

July 13. Several of the Canonical Tribe, with their Brethren of the Laity, came and treated Bully Silk with about 6 Gallons of Punch.

July 14. The Popish Priest in Layman's Habit, with abundance of others, came to visit the Rebels; who were so overjoy'd at the News, that the Indemnity would certainly pass next Day, that they embrac'd the Loyal Keepers (whom the Press-yard Historian charges with Inhumanity towards 'em) thanked them for their Civility, and commended them for their Fidelity. And the Scots Prisoners in particular, damn'd the English Tories for a Pack of deceitful cowardly Dogs, whom they would never trust any more.

July 15. The Popish Priest in Lay Habit, came to visit the Prisoners, several of whom were drunk for Joy that the Act of Indemnity was pass'd: But the Assassins, those committed for Crimes, and particularly Bully Silk, and Priest Howel, who were excepted, look'd very dull and surly.

July 17. Several of the Clergy and Jacobite Laity, among whom George the Cobler, came to take Foy of their Brethren before they left Newgate College, for the Northern Air. But the Popish Priest in Lay Habit, that came to see the Assassins, went out with Tears in his Eyes, because they had not the like Liberty. The other State Prisoners were now very busy

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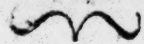
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